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SUBJ: REROUTE TGP-2 DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE DATED SEPT 16 CONCERNING REROUTINGS OF TGP-2 DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY NOTE OF MAY 4, REFTELS B AND C. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: NOTE NUMBER 56. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS REFERS TO THE NOTE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUMBER 547 OF MAY 4, 1976 WHICH CONTAINED A PROPOSAL ABOUT A CHANGE IN THE ROUTE OF THE RADIO-TELEGRAPH CHANNEL TSR-2, WHICH HAS BEEN VIA THE ROUTE MOSCOW-BER,- WASHINGTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE USSR AND USA REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK DATED JUNE 20, 1963, AND SUBSEQUENT REVISIONS AGREED UPON BY THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF FEB 28, 1974 AND MARCH 21, 1974.

3. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FACT THAT SOVIET AND AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE CARRIED OUT ALL PREPARATORY TECHNICAL WORK ON THE NEW ROUTE OF THE TSR-2 CHANNEL AND THAT FROM AUG 7, 1976, THIS CHANNEL HAS BEEN OPERATING VIA THE ROUTE MOSCOW-ROME-WASHINGTON, THE MINISTRY PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE THE NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE ANNEXES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE USSR AND USA REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK AND IN THE RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE TECHNICAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

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MENDATION CONCERNING THE TECHNICAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

OF THE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK BY SETTING FORTH THE APPROPRIATE POINTS OF THESE DOCUMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

4. POINT 1B OF THE ANNEX--"ONE FULL-TIME DUPLEX WIRE TELEGRAPH CIRCUIT, ROUTED MOSCOW-ROME-WASHINGTON, WHICH SHALL BE USED FOR SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS AND COORDINATION OF OPERATIONS BETWEEN THE TERMINAL POINTS".

5. POINT 2 OF THE ANNEX--"TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES, IN CASE OF INTERRUPTION OF THE WIRE CIRCUIT MENTIONED IN POINT 16 OF THIS ANNEX, SHALL BE EFFECTED VIA THE WIRE CIRCUIT, MENTIONED IN POINT 1B OF THIS ANNEX" - AND FURTHER, ACCORDING TO THE TEXT OF THIS POINT.

6. POINT 36 OF THE RECOMMENDATION: "TSR-2 - WIRE TELEGRAPHIC CIRCUIT, ROUTED MOSCOW-ROME-WASHINGTON".

7. WITH REGARD TO THE PROCEDURE OF PAYMENT OF COSTS FROM THE USE OF THE TSR-2 CHANNEL, IT IS PROPOSED TO LEAVE IT AS BEFORE, THAT IS, TO EFFECT PAYMENT FOR ALL COSTS WITHOUT ANY TRANSFER OF PAYMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES, AS PROVIDED IN POINT 7B OF THE ANNEX TO THE 1963 MEMORANDUM.

8. IF THESE PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE AMERICAN SIDE, THEN THE MINISTRY WILL CONSIDER THIS NOTE AND A NOTE IN RESPONSE FROM THE EMBASSY AS AN AGREEMENT ON ENTERING THE REVISIONS IN THE ANNEX TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE USSR AND USA REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK OF JUNE 20, 1963 AND IN THE RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE TECHNICAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN THE USSR AND USA.  
END TEXT.

9. ASSUMING SOVIET RESPONSE IS ACCEPTABLE, EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION TO COMPLETE NECESSARY EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES.  
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